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SAMGORI IRRIGATION PROJECT DEVELOPING -- Patriot Rodiny, No 40, 18 May 49

The postwar Five-Year Plan includes plans for the construction of the Samgori irrigation system and hydroelectric power plant in Georgia. The Samgori steppe will be crossed by canals supplying water to this arid region. A large water reservoir will be built on the Iori River, near the Sion ravine. The Sion Hydroelectric Power Plant will be constructed at this point. From here the Iori River will follow its original course for a distance and then will be diverted to a concrete main-line canal, which will carry it to Tbilisi to form the "Tbiliskoye more" (Tbilisi Sea) on the east side of the city. This reservoir will cover an area of 11 square kilometers and will go to a depth of 43 meters. From the reservoir, the lower canal will carry the water through the arid steppes of Dsheiranov and Karayaze.

Work on the Samgori irrigation project has been going on for the last few years. The 1948 plan was fulfilled 4 months ahead of schedule.

VITAMIN FISH OIL PRODUCTION BEGUN -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 67, 16 Apr 49

A group of scientific workers and engineers of the Ministry of Fish Industry USSR has been successful in starting domestic production of fish oils with a highly concentrated Vitamin A content.

The production of this concentrated preparation presented great difficulties, and only in 1948 was it possible to find a new, original technique for extracting fish oil with a high Vitamin A content. This new technique is an improvement over foreign methods. Not only cod-liver oil is used, as had been done before, but also oil from other kinds of fish. As a result, the available raw material has greatly increased.

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At present, this preparation is produced by the Moscow, Astrakhan', and Murmansk fish combines. It is also produced on ships of the Slava Whaling Flotilla, which has been operating in the waters of the Antarctic.

During 1948, the fish industry exceeded the plan for production of vitamin fish oils. The valuable *halibut* product has found wide application in medicine.

KAMCHATKA FISHERIES LAG -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 108, 10 May 49

Many fishing enterprises in Kamchatka Oblast have not been meeting the State plans. The Avachinskiy Combine failed to give the State a large quantity of fish in the first quarter and continues to lag in the second quarter. The Kikhchik and Mitoginskiy Combines exceeded the April plan. The Ichinskiy, Krutogorovskiy, Kolpakovskiy, Sopochnovskiy, and Opalinskiy Combines and many kolkhozes on the western coast of the peninsula have been slow in starting the fishing season in the Okhotsk Sea. The Kamchatka Oblast "Rybakkolkhozny" (Union of Fishing Kolkhozes) failed to complete even 50 percent of the April plan and has not attained the prescribed catch during the first days of May.

AMUR FISH TRUST COMPLETES 6-MONTH PLAN -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 108, 10 May 49

The Central Amur State Fish Trust completed the April fishing plan ahead of schedule and caught more than 16,000 pud of fish above the month plan. Recently, the trust completed the 6-month fishing plan. Fishermen of the Bolom'skiy Cannery completed the 6-month plan 2 months ahead of schedule and the enterprise is continually exceeding the production quota. The fishing sections of the Dayerginskiy and Yelabuzhskiy fish plants also completed the 6-month plan ahead of schedule. The Mariinsk, Solentsy, and Tye fish plants are actively engaged in catching smelts.

OKHOTSK FISHERIES MAKE PREPARATIONS -- Molodoy Dal'nevostochnik, No 79, 30 Apr 49

A. Gorenkov, secretary of the Okhotskiy Rayon Committee VLKSM, reports that all necessary preparations are being made in the fish industry of the rayon for the new season. Fifteen Komsomol-youth brigades for catching and processing fish have been set up in the rayon. Eleven Komsomol-cutter crews will be used in transporting fish. The 55 Komsomol control posts throughout the rayon have been of assistance to many plants in eliminating production deficiencies. The "Stakhanovskiy," "Okhotekiy," and Novo-Uspenskiy fish plants are among those making active preparations.

ESTONIAN SOVOKHOZES COMPLETE SPRING PLANTING -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 115, 18 May 49

Estonian sovkhозes complete the spring plan for planting of grain crops 102 percent on 15 May. A number of sovkhозes fulfilled the plan 115 to 135 percent. All sovkhозes of the Estonian SSR are continuing to plant grain crops. Compared with 1948, the sown area of sovkhозes has increased by more than 2,000 hectares. Many sovkhозes have begun mass planting of potatoes.

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MOLDAVIA MEETS PLANTING PLAN -- Kommunist, No 112, 14 May 49

Kolkhozes and peasant farms of the Moldavian SSR fulfilled the State plan for spring planting.

The spring plan for forest planting has been exceeded, the newly planted forest area covering 5,514 hectares. New vineyards have been planted on an area of 1,476 hectares, and new gardens cover 5,018 hectares.

ARMENIAN KOLKHOZ FUNDS INCREASE -- Kommunist, No 8, 11 Jan 49

The kolkhozes of Armenia are growing steadily. Production is expanding, public buildings are being erected, and cultural centers are being organized.

An important factor in improving the material and cultural level of kolkhoz farms are the undistributed funds (nedelinye fondy) of farm artels, which are constantly growing. In 1948, Armenian kolkhozes deposited 70,500,000 rubles of such funds in the agricultural bank. Kolkhozes of Artashatskiy Rayon deposited 10,600,000 rubles, Oktemberyanaskiy Rayon 6,180,000 rubles, Ashtarakskiy 3,500,000 rubles, Kotaykskiy 3,300,000 rubles, Akhuryanskay 2,700,000 rubles.

SUGAR PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 119, 22 May 49

The Rybnitsa Sugar Plant is under construction in the Moldavian SSR. The production buildings, the heat and electric power plant, and a powerful pumping station are being constructed. At the same time the installation of the first turbine with a capacity of 1,500 kilowatts has been started. The builders pledged to put the plant into operation by 7 November 1949. All production processes from the delivery of the beets to the shipping of the finished product are to be mechanized.

BREAD COMBINE TOPS 4-MONTH PLAN -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 82, 27 Apr 49

On 25 April, the Chita Bread Combine fulfilled the 4-month plan for output of bread and bakery goods 103 percent.

MEAT TRUST COMPLETES 6-MONTH PLAN -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 84, 30 Apr 49

On 20 April, the enterprises of the Chita Meat Trust (director, V. Yemel'yanov) completed the 6-month plan. The 6-month meat-processing plan was fulfilled 116 percent, food fats 145 percent, and industrial fats 197 percent.

CHITA BUTTER TRUST GETS NEW EQUIPMENT -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 66, 5 Apr 49

The Chita "Masloprom" (Butter Industry) Trust has received from Leningrad two new machines for making butter. Each machine holds 600 liters of cream, or 6 times the capacity of the old machines. One of the machines has been sent to the Mogotyvskiy Creamery and the other to the Chita base of "Masloprom." In addition, the trust has received 50 separators with a productivity of 600 liters per hour, and 20 butter machines each with a capacity of 160 liters of cream.

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